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Reply To: OCE-082

Amy C. Gilpin
Chevron Environmental Management Company
6101 Bollinger Canyon Road, 5374C
San Ramon, California 94583

Re: Request for Additional Site Assessment Work
Former Chevron Station #9-1785 (EPA Facility ID #4260088)
321 South Elm Street, Toppenish, Washington
Yakama Indian Reservation

Dear Ms. Gilpin:

This letter serves as a follow-up to my email correspondence dated January 28, 2011, requesting that Chevron perform additional subsurface sampling at the above referenced site to verify that cleanup goals have been achieved. As you are aware, this site is listed in our leaking underground storage tank (LUST) database as a contaminated piece of property, and consequently, a closure letter or no further action (NFA) determination was never rendered.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently completed a file review of our LUST site backlog, including a review of the former Toppenish Chevron site. The last piece of correspondence in our file was a letter dated November 3, 1998, from Ann Marie Johnson of Chevron to Wally Moon of EPA. This letter provides a good summary of site conditions, and identifies small areas of petroleum contaminated soil remaining on the property at concentrations exceeding Washington State Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Method A cleanup levels. Since contaminant concentrations at the site do not meet lookup cleanup values for unrestricted current and future land use scenarios, EPA is not able to issue a NFA determination at this time. Alternatively, a risk-based closure could be executed, but there does not appear to be sufficient site-specific information to accomplish this either. EPA believes the simplest way to achieve closure on this site would be to collect additional soil and groundwater data through a direct push investigation. Due to the small number of samples necessary to determine current site conditions, EPA believes this investigation could easily be completed in a single day.

I understand from previous email correspondence that Chevron has retained the services of ARCADIS to prepare a plan to execute this work. Thank you for taking the necessary steps to complete this site assessment, and I apologize for the long delay in responding to your request

for site closure. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me by telephone at (206) 553-6285, or toll free at 1-800 424-4372, extension 6285, or via e-mail at rau.rob@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature consisting of several overlapping, slanted, parallel lines, likely representing the name Robert Rau.

Robert Rau
Ground Water Unit
Underground Storage Tank Program

cc: Elizabeth Sanchey,
Yakama Nation